

## **STATEMENT REGARDING ON-LINE EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS**

Educational offerings are placed on the State Assessors Board Web page as a service to Michigan assessing officers. For a variety of reasons, it is not always possible for an assessing officer to attend a renewal session in person. In the past, mail-in versions of renewal programs were offered for those assessing officers who lived outside Michigan, who were unable to attend a classroom-style renewal session for health reasons, etc. On-line renewal programs are now offered in place of the mail-in renewal programs. On-line educational offerings are an attractive alternative for assessing officers in some situations and serve to reduce costs for local units of government which choose to reimburse assessing officers for travel expenses associated with educational efforts. On-line educational offerings are also available 24 hours per day every day.

Although the State Assessors Board provides an Internet version of certain educational offerings as a convenience to Michigan assessing officers, attendance of educational programs in a traditional classroom setting is strongly encouraged. Many (if not most) people benefit more from traditional classroom-style education than they do from teaching themselves. The State Assessors Board is willing to partner with instructors and local, regional, and statewide associations of assessing professionals to provide traditional classroom-style renewal sessions and courses. Parties interested in working with the State Assessors Board to provide traditional assessment administration courses or renewal sessions may contact the State Assessors Board at 517-373-8320 or [State-Assessors-Board@Michigan.gov](mailto:State-Assessors-Board@Michigan.gov). Feedback, positive or negative, concerning the on-line educational offerings of the State Assessors Board is also welcome using this contact information.